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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PFOR, PLO

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- 1. REFTEL INDICATED SADAT IS HINTING PUBLICLY ARAFAT ACCEPTS LINKAGE BETWEEN JORDAN AND PALESTINIAN STATE, BUT EVERYTHING WE ARE HEARING IN SAUDI ARABIA, INCLUDING VOA, INDICATES ARAFAT MUCH CLOSER TO SYRIAN THAN EGYPTIAN POSITION ON THAT SUBJECT. AS WE KNOW, ASAD FEELS LINKAGE SHOULD DEVELOP AFTER FORMATION OF PALESTINIAN STATE. YESTERDAY, PLO ADDED THAT LINK WOULD BE DESIRABLE, BUT PALESTINE MUST HAVE ITS OWN ARMY AND DIPLOMACY.
- 2. WE ARE UNABLE TO FATHOM AT PRESENT SIGNIFICANCE OF STATE-CONFIDENTIAL

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MENT THAT "FATAH NOT PLO AUTHORIZED CONTACTS WITH ISRAELIS."

3. WE AGREE THAT MODERATES ARE MOST UNLIKELY TO BE ABLE TO EFFECT AMENDMENTS OF PALESTINIAN NATIONAL CHARTER IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. IT VERY DOUBTFUL THAT PNC WILL READ SUFFICIENT ADVANTAGE INTO MAKING SUCH CHANGES UNLESS EVOLUTION OF ISRAELI POSTURE IS SUCH AS TO OFFER MODICUM OF ENCOURAGEMENT. MORE-

OVER, AS ARAB DEBATE OVER THE PALESTINE QUESTION GOES ON, WE SHOULD NOT EXPECT A LUCID OR CLEAR POSITION TO EMERGE FROM THE PLO. EVERYTHING THE PLO MAY SEEM TO CONCEDE IN ONE VEILED STATEMENT WILL SOON BE QUALIFIED OR RETRACTED BY ANOTHER -- LEAVING IT UP TO THE PLO'S AUDITORS TO JUDGE WHERE THE ORGANIZATION REALLY STANDS.

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